

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2715

To amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to provide for duty-free treatment of personal effects of participants entering the United States to participate in international athletic events, and items used in connection with such events.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 5, 1999

Mr. CRANE (for himself and Mr. RANGEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. TREATMENT OF PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PAR-**
4 **TICIPANTS IN INTERNATIONAL ATHLETIC**
5 **EVENTS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter XVII of chapter 98
7 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States

1 is amended by inserting in numerical sequence the fol-
 2 lowing new heading:

“	9817.60.00	Any of the following articles not intended for sale or distribution to the public: personal effects of aliens who are participants in, officials of, or accredited members of delegations to, an international athletic event held in the United States, such as the Olympics, the Goodwill Games, the Special Olympics World Games, the World Cup Soccer Games, or any similar international athletic event as the Secretary of the Treasury may determine, and of persons who are immediate family members of or servants to any of the foregoing persons; equipment and materials imported in connection with any such foregoing event by or on behalf of the foregoing persons or the organizing committee of such an event, articles to be used in exhibitions depicting the culture of a country participating in such an event; and, if consistent with the foregoing, such other articles as the Secretary of the Treasury may allow	Free	Free	”.
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3 (b) TAXES, FEES, INSPECTION.—The U.S. Notes to
 4 chapter XVII of chapter 98 of the Harmonized Tariff
 5 Schedule of the United States is amended by adding at
 6 the end the following new note:

7 “6. Any article exempt from duty under heading
 8 9817.60.00 shall be free of taxes and fees that may
 9 otherwise be applicable, but shall not be free or other-
 10 wise exempt or excluded from routine or other inspec-
 11 tions as may be required by the Customs Service.”

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 13 this section apply to goods entered, or withdrawn from
 14 warehouse for consumption, on or after the date of the
 15 enactment of this Act.

1 (c) TERMINATION OF TEMPORARY PROVISIONS.—
2 Heading 9902.98.08 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule
3 of the United States shall, notwithstanding any provision
4 of such heading, cease to be effective on the date of the
5 enactment of this Act.

